

MILLIONS FOR ITALY

All America Prompt in Extending Aid

\$500,000 ALREADY SENT

Prompt Action to Succor the Distress Has Now Assumed the Character of an Imposing National Movement.

The spontaneous action throughout the country to succor the distress of Italy has assumed the character of an imposing national movement. Reports from all sections of the country show cities, individuals, societies, religious bodies, Red Cross organizations, private corporations, commercial bodies and all branches of public and private life joining in this humanitarian and practical expression of the American people in behalf of the afflicted nation.

Already over \$500,000 in cash is in hand and most of this has been cabled or is on its way to Italy. The reports show this total to be only the beginning and the aggregate promises to swell to millions.

Governors of states and mayors of cities have issued appeals, and a message from the president to Congress is expected when that body reassembles on Monday.

The New York total is upward of \$150,000; Boston is nearing \$75,000; Chicago is raising \$100,000; St. Louis exceeds \$25,000; Milwaukee and Providence are each nearing the \$5,000 mark, while the initial amounts in scores of other cities are reaching thousands of dollars.

The Canadian government has appropriated \$100,000 and the city of Toronto has added \$5,000.

About \$250,000 worth of supplies are already on the way to Italy on the United States supply ship Celtic. With the appropriation which Congress is expected to make, the aggregate from the United States and Canada will run into millions.

BIG DROP IN OCEAN TRAVEL

The Shrinkage For Year Was 1,000,000 Persons.

New York, Jan. 2.—Passenger travel across the Atlantic in the year 1906 shows a shrinkage of nearly 1,000,000 persons, as compared with the preceding year, according to figures compiled by the transatlantic steamship companies. For the first time in many years, the seaboard figures are in excess of the westbound or incoming.

The apparent in every class of passengers in the first and second cabin, and the decrease over the westbound steerage in round trips.

The decrease in first and second cabin business is noticeable, but the most sensational feature of the transatlantic passenger movement of the year was the outgoing or eastbound steerage. It is shown during October, 1907, and continued uninterrupted, during 1906. Industrial conditions which have prevailed in the United States during the past year are regarded as the real reason for the unusual exodus.

WRIGHT FLIES 73 MILES.

He Wins The Michelin Cup and \$4,000.

Le Moine, France, Jan. 2.—Wilbur Wright beat all previous aeroplane records here Thursday afternoon with a magnificent flight that lasted for two hours and nine minutes. He covered officially a distance of 73 miles, but counting the wide curves he made over 90 miles. Mr. Wright's feat was the more remarkable because of the intense cold. After breaking the record Mr. Wright went aloft again with M. Barthou as a passenger. By his flight Mr. Wright won the Michelin cup, valued at \$5,000, and a money prize of \$4,000.

CEBU FIRE LOSS \$250,000.

Chinese Quarter Burns in City of the Philippines.

Cebu, Island of Cebu, Philippines, Jan. 2.—A major portion of the Chinese quarter of this city and part of the foreign business district have been burned. The loss is estimated at \$250,000. Considerable insurance was carried, but exclusively in British companies.

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THOUGHT ENGAGEMENT

CUT OUT SCHOOL DAYS

Unique Excuse of Chicago Youth Who Objected to Further Schooling.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Unique excuses for wishing to be exempt from attending school are being presented by many ex-entrant apprentices to the officers of the union. The annual school session for 1906 began Monday morning, and every apprentice in the trade is required to attend for three months.

One boy applied to the president of the union for permission to attend an evening school instead. "I have good reasons for wanting to keep at work," stated the apprentice.

"What is your reason?" asked the officer.

"I am engaged to be married, and I can't get married if I am going to school."

"You had no business to get engaged," said the president. "Your indenture says you must attend school, and that's what you will have to do, so you had better tell her to wait."

Another "boy" said he had a wife and two children to support, and would pledge himself to attend an evening school if allowed to work at his trade.

EVACUATION IN CUBA BEGINS.

A Detachment of Marines Off For Philadelphia.

Havana, Jan. 2.—The first detachment of homebound troops from the American army of pacification which has been in Cuba since the establishment of the provisional government on Oct. 19th, sailed yesterday afternoon for the Philadelphia navy yard on board the auxiliary cruiser Praxinos. The detachment consisted of 187 marines. The garrison at Camp Columbia paraded in honor of the departure of the marines, and General Barry, commander of the Army of Pacification, made an address to the men, congratulating them warmly upon the excellence of the discipline they have maintained and their irreproachable conduct during the entire period of American occupation. The return of the American troops will continue at intervals until April 1, when it is intended that the last of them will have left the island.

As a result of a conference at the palace yesterday between Governor Macdon and the auxiliary cruiser Praxinos, it was decided that Governor Macdon should shortly issue a decree convening the Cuban Congress for Jan. 13 to scrutinize the vote in the recent presidential election. The Congress then will meet again Jan. 20 formally to proclaim Jose Miguel Gomez and Senor Zayas respectively president and vice president of the republic. The regular sessions of Congress will begin immediately after the inauguration, which will take place Jan. 28.

BOMB OUTRAGE IN HARTFORD.

Panic Follows an Explosion in a Tenement.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 2.—The explosion of a bomb in a six-family Italian tenement house at 78 Front street early yesterday created intense excitement throughout the Italian colony, the dwellers in 14 houses for blocks around rushing out into the streets, while in the Italian colony, which followed the explosion Italians in the neighborhood rushed about crying "Black Hand." Women ran screaming from the house with half-clad and naked children in their arms, and half-clad men were running around wildly, shouting, "Kill, kill, kill." The bomb was a crude affair, consisting of a tin can bound round with heavy Manila paper glued down. It had been loaded with a cheap grade of powder. Little damage to the building resulted, and no one so far as known was injured. Giuseppe Adonolfi, and Carmela Rosso have been locked up on suspicion in connection with the affair, and other arrests are expected.

BLAKE GIVEN FOUR YEARS.

Sentenced for Trying to Bribe Prospective Juror in Ruel Case.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—E. A. S. Blake, the contractor convicted of attempting to bribe J. M. Kelly, a prospective juror in the Ruel bribery trial, to vote for acquittal, was sentenced by Judge Dunne Thursday to four years imprisonment in the penitentiary at San Quentin. Appeals for a light sentence were made to the court by District Attorney Langdon and Attorneys Sullivan and Henev, who based their plea on the ground that Blake made a full confession, saying that he committed the crime at the instigation of Frank J. Murphy and A. S. Newburg, two of Ruel's attorneys, who were indicted on his testimony before the grand jury.

TRAGEDY IN LEICESTER.

Body of Farmer Was Found Beside the Road.

Leicester, Mass., Jan. 2.—A five-year-old child guided the local authorities yesterday to the body of his father, William O'Donnell, a farmer of this town, laying beside the road about a mile from home, with a deep wound in the right temple, and after some inquiry, a search was begun for Humphrey Guerin, a farm hand, who the boy said his father met Thursday night and with whom the neighbors said, O'Donnell had had many quarrels. It was the belief of the medical examiner after viewing the body that death was due to exposure as the result of the wound.

McClellan Put on Another Foot Ball Man.

New York, Jan. 2.—Changes which Mayor McClellan made in his administration for the new year included the swearing in of James Hogan, the former Yale foot ball captain, as deputy to William Edwards, the former Princeton foot ball captain, who yesterday became commissioner of street cleaning.

BAD FIRE IN SKOWHEGAN

Blow up Houses to Bar its Progress

TWO FIREMEN ARE HURT

Two Business Blocks Consumed, Three Others Damaged and Five Tenement Buildings Are Destroyed.

Skowhegan, Me., Jan. 2.—One of the most stubborn fires which Maine department have been called upon to fight since the conflagration at Portland, a year ago, wiped out two business blocks, damaged three others and destroyed five tenement houses on Water street, in the heart of the town, early yesterday.

Two of the houses were blown up with dynamite in an effort to confine the progress of the flames, and it was only after eight hours' work that the local department, assisted by apparatus from Waterville and Fairfield, succeeded in bringing the fire under control. The total loss is estimated at \$150,000.

The fire started from some unknown cause in the basement of the Gould block and rapidly worked its way up through the three-story brick structure. The high northwest wind distributed the sparks among the neighboring buildings, and soon it seemed as if the whole business district would be consumed.

The Gould block, which was destroyed, was occupied on the street floor by Wilds & Judd, dry goods, Fred O. Sawyer, dentist; E. K. Delano, confectioner, and Frank W. Buckman, druggist, while the second and third floors constituted the hotel Oxford, managed by Samuel W. Gould, the owner of the building.

Two firemen, Harry Jackson and Henry Mitchell, who were on the roof of the Gould building when it collapsed, were badly injured, and were taken from the ruins in an unconscious condition. Mitchell's injuries are believed to be serious.

The Milburn block, a four-story brick and wood affair, was also burned to the ground. This was owned by Morris & McCallan and was used for law and real estate offices on the upper floors. The street floor was occupied by the City Drug store, Walter F. Robbins, jeweler, and George V. Venn, harness maker. The Forrest Goodwin block, adjoining, was damaged in the rear and the Morrison Oriental Rug factory was also considerably burned.

The Philbrick block, a three-story brick building, made a barrier, which arrested the progress of the flames on the east side and was only slightly damaged. It was feared that the First National Bank building, a three-story brick structure on the other side of the Gould block, was doomed, but the firemen succeeded in saving the bank on the first floor after the two upper floors, occupied by the Milburn club, had been burned.

Several tenement houses in the rear, between Water street and the river, caught fire from the flying embers and five were destroyed, two of which were tenement houses. The shocks of the explosion wrecked the plate glass windows of practically all the stores on Water street.

FATAL MOCK DUEL.

Forgot to Unload Pistol, and Killed His Chum.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 2.—News has been received in this city of a tragic ending of a merry house party of Oakland young folks at the summer home of Dr. H. R. Carleton at Ben Lomond, Santa Cruz county, when Thomas R. Ritchie was shot and instantly killed in a mock duel with his chum, Irving Crookfoot.

The two youth, together with Dr. Knowles, Mrs. Knowles and Miss Dorothy Bridges of Mill Valley, were guests of Sidney Carleton, son of Dr. Carleton. The party was just coming to an end when one of the three young men proposed a mock duel.

Ritchie emptied the shells from his weapon, but in the confusion of jests and laughter, Crookfoot forgot to unload his weapon. The "duellists" advanced toward each other, and Ritchie, who was first to snap the trigger of his gun, banteringly said: "Why don't you shoot?"

Crookfoot pulled the trigger. There was a loud report as the shell exploded, and Ritchie, raising his arms spasmodically, cried, "I am shot!" and fell to the floor at the feet of Miss Knowles and Miss Bridges.

A physician was hastily summoned, but Ritchie had expired, the bullet having penetrated his heart.

DEAD WILL REACH SIXTY.

The Extent of the Coal Mine Disaster Grows.

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 2.—Forty-nine bodies have been recovered from the ill-fated Lack branch colliery, in which an explosion occurred last Tuesday, and it is not known how many more are there. It was a more disastrous explosion than was at first supposed, the cause for this being the fact that it was not known how many men were at work at that time in the mine. There is scarcely any doubt but that the dead will reach sixty.

BATTLE FLEET NEARS SUEZ.

The Trip from Colombo Has Been Uneventful.

Suez, Jan. 2.—The United States Atlantic battle fleet homeward bound at eight o'clock Thursday night was 615 miles from Suez. The fleet is due here Sunday morning.

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PRESIDENT RECEIVES.

New Year's Reception of Unusual Interest.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The ancient and amiable institution, the New Year's reception at the White House, yesterday took place under the most favorable conditions possible. The weather was ideal. A bright clear day with an atmosphere just crisp enough to give a zest to the affair and bring a natural tint to the cheeks of the debutantes who stood behind the receiving line. This year's reception was notable for other things. It was to be the last one of the Roosevelt regime. The knowledge that President Roosevelt and his wife, if not all of his cabinet, were appearing for the last time in the receiving line, added to the usual interest. Then, too, there were many others in official line making "a farewell tour" although not in the receiving line. Senators who are in their last terms, members of Congress who have involuntarily joined the order of the "lame duck," and federal bureau chiefs who are doubtful about their terms after March 4, were all on hand, but they all seemed happy, even buoyant. None was more so than the president.

The reception commenced promptly at 11 o'clock. Vice-President Fairbanks came first and greeted the president in a characteristic courtly manner. He seemed happy and one would never have known from the greeting exchange between him and the president that their "team" work had not always been a satisfactory character to their mutual friends. Socially, however, they have pulled together admirably.

The vice-president, after extending his greetings, took up his station in a corner of the East Room and held a little reception of his own. He was accompanied by Mrs. Fairbanks, his daughter, Mrs. Timmons, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Warren Fairbanks of Chicago. Mrs. Fairbanks was in the receiving line next to Mrs. Roosevelt. The members of the vice-president's family were invited to stand behind the receiving line.

VERITABLE BOMBARDMENT.

Mrs. Erb Shudders at the Story of the Doctor.

Medic, Pa., Jan. 2.—That Capt. J. Clayton Erb went to his death under a veritable bombardment from one or both of the women who are accused of his murder, was impressed upon the jury by a minute description of the bullet wounds, bruises and cuts found on his head and body. Mr. Florence Erb, widow of the politician, and Mrs. Catherine Beisel, her sister, sat and shuddered as Dr. William Wadsworth, physician in the corner office of Philadelphia, recounted for them two hours the nature and locality of the injuries.

It is the defendant's contention that they were inflicted while protecting Mrs. Erb's life in a furious struggle at Red Gulch, the country home of the politician, on the night of Oct. 6. The state contends that Erb came by them as the result of a plot by the women to kill him.

As Dr. Wadsworth told of the bullets that shattered her husband's hip bone and spine and plowed their way through his lungs, Mrs. Erb could scarcely maintain her composure. She looked this way and that, half relying on the shoulder of her sister, her hands quivering as she clutched the handkerchief on her knee.

TRY TO BLOW UP COURTHOUSE.

Shots Fired at Faction in Lexington; Citizens Ask for Troops.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 2.—Efforts to blow up the Breathitt county courthouse at Jackson were followed by the firing of several shots from the Hargis store across the street. The members of the Smith and Deacon faction were in the court-house at the time, while Ed. Callahan and his henchmen were entrenched in the Hargis store.

The reports were brought to Lexington yesterday by citizens of Jackson, who desired to hear the news until some relief can be obtained. It is said several of them were on the way to Frankfort to make personal appeals to Gov. Willson to send soldiers to Jackson to disarm and scatter the two factions.

South Africa

ITS OWN PURVEYOR

American Packers in Capetown Going Out of Business. It Is Said.

London, Jan. 2.—The Times' Capetown correspondent says that a Chicago firm is closing its branch there because South Africa has learned to supply its own meat.

EXPULSION RUSSIAN CORRESPONDENT

Austrian Authorities Refuse to Let Him Stay in Bosnia.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—The Austrian authorities have expelled from Bosnia the Novos Vremya's war correspondent, M. Berezovsky.

Robbers Killed at Tiflis.

Tiflis, Jan. 2.—During a fight between the police and a band of brigands on the outskirts of Tiflis yesterday, four men were killed who had been identified as the leaders in the murder of Consul of the Empire Prince Chavchava, who was killed by robbers and his home plundered on the night of June 27, 1907.

British Authors to Honor Poe.

London, Jan. 2.—The Authors' club, of which George Meredith is president, will celebrate the centenary of the birth of Edgar Allan Poe by a dinner next Sunday. Conan Doyle will preside. Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador, has accepted an invitation to be present.

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HUGHES BEGINS NEW TERM

Asks For More Power as Governor

IN HIS INAUGURAL SPEECH

Says That Executive Should Control Departments—An Imposing Military Parade a Feature of the Ceremonies.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.—In his second inaugural address yesterday, Governor Hughes declared more power should be given the governor of the state, and made a plea for his direct control of heads of departments.

The military display was a feature of the inauguration ceremony. There were 1,500 national guardsmen in line. There were no civilian organizations in line, as has been the custom before. It was a purely military display and a decidedly effective one.

The immense crowds rendered the streets leading to the mansion and the capitol almost impassable. The parade started at 11 o'clock from the foot of Capitol Hill and proceeded to the executive mansion. The troops were in service uniform blue trousers with leggings overcoat and full dress cap.

The governor and his staff joined the procession at the executive mansion and marched with it to the capitol. Gov. Hughes received an ovation all along the line of march. The assembly chamber was crowded to the door long before the inaugural hour arrived, but the people crowded the capitol corridors and entrances in an endeavor to get a view of the inaugural procession. The police arrangements were excellent.

The oath of office was administered to Gov. Hughes by Secretary of State Samuel S. Koenig. The other state officers had taken the oath previously in the secretary of state's office.

Gov. Hughes signed the oath book with the pen he used for a similar purpose two years ago, and the Bible used to make preparations for Mr. Taft's speech, and it was passed around that only college professors, ministers, property holders and others who are counted among the "swells" would be allowed seats in the church where it was arranged to have the speech delivered.

The "commons" were up in arms and busied themselves with preparations for entertaining the president-elect, renting a hall with a seating capacity of 4,000, and announcing that the doors would be thrown wide open to the negroes of Atlanta, letting the first to come have the choice of seats. Efforts to reach an agreement have proved fruitless, and yesterday the matter was to have been submitted to the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, both sides agreeing to abide by the decision of that body.

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

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NEGROES IN TURMOIL AFTER SPEECH BY TAFT

Atlanta Merchants to Decide Between "Swells" and "Commons."

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 2.—On the occasion of President-elect Taft's visit to Atlanta Jan. 15 and 16, he promised to deliver a speech to the negroes. Immediately upon this announcement there arose contention among the "swells" and the "commons" of Atlanta's negro population and it had resulted in a wide breach between the two factions.

Bishop Gaines, leader of the so-called "swells," or aristocratic negroes, called a meeting of one of the most prominent negroes of the city and proceeded to make preparations for Mr. Taft's speech, and it was passed around that only college professors, ministers, property holders and others who are counted among the "swells" would be allowed seats in the church where it was arranged to have the speech delivered.

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BRITAIN PAYING PENSIONS.

England Begins the Giving of Aid to the

London, Jan. 2.—The United Kingdom has begun the payment of old age pensions to the aged poor. The first payment of old age pensions has been made to two hundred thousand men and women, chiefly because the applicants have been in receipt of poor relief. It is estimated that the old age pensions will cost the country \$25,000,000 annually. The highest pension is five shillings weekly, which is paid to applicants having an income below \$105 a year. If their income exceeds \$105 but is less than \$150, small amounts will be paid.

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